

The Pipeline

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A Whole New Look

By Lisa Aug, CFC Communications

The bandages have finally come off to reveal the rebuilt and renovated executive pod on the 5th Floor of the CHR Building. Workmen pulled down the plastic wrapping that has covered the work area since March.

The new pod boasts glass entry doors, silver-grey carpet and matching walls, a dividable conference room and several enclosed offices, including Secretary Helton's, with windows facing Main Street. CHS Secretary Helton and his staff have been packing for the last couple of weeks and will begin moving in on Monday, May 15.



Meanwhile, CHS and CFC are working with the Finance and Administration Cabinet on a schedule to begin replacing carpet as the Great CFC-CHS Floor Swap continues. As soon as we have a firm carpeting schedule, the "cascade effect" move will begin with CHS's Office of the Inspector General moving from the 4th Floor to the newly carpeted area on the 5th (vacated by Division of Aging staff who moved to Fair Oaks), and CFC Personnel moving into OIG's former area on the 4th after it is carpeted. We will continue moving and carpeting in that fashion, flip-flopping between floors, until everyone has settled into their permanent space.

However, CFC staff will not begin moving until August at the earliest, and we will not be moving CFC staff working on year-end closeouts until after those closeouts are complete in September or October.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the move or related matters, please send them to lisa.aug@mail.state.ky.us.

Pipeline, a weekly newsletter for employees of the Cabinet for Families and Children, welcomes reader comments and contributions. Items for Pipeline are due by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday Call (502) 564-6786 or send information to Patricia Boler at Patricia.Boler@mail.state.ky.us



Secretary Helton's office is ready for the move. Check out that view!

CFC Seeking Director for Division of Service Regions

The Cabinet for Families and Children seeks a highly motivated, energetic, team oriented professional to work in a learning organization that focuses on quality services for Kentucky's families and children. The successful applicant will work in a challenging environment providing leadership and support for continuous quality improvement, program accountability, and change management to the Service Regions in the Department for Community Based Services. The Director will work closely with the Commissioner of the Department for Community Based Services and the Service Region Administrators in statewide change management initiatives including Continuous Quality Improvement, Council on Accreditation and organization development.

The successful candidate must have a bachelor's degree, preferably in a human service or human resource management field. Must have six years of administrative experience, preferably in a human service program or human resource management. Salary Range: \$3,590 - \$5,274 per month.

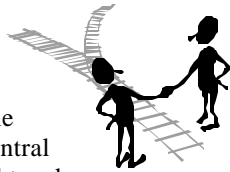
Interested parties should submit a letter of application and resume by Monday, May 22, to Mike Cheek, Department for Community Based Services, Cabinet for Families and Children, 275 East Main Street, 3W-A, Frankfort, KY 40621.

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Let's Talk Begins May 15

By Dean Crawford, KAMES

Let's Talk sessions, forums for discussion and problem solving by CFC employees, will be held May 15 – 19. The sessions are sponsored by the Quality Central Connections Committee, and began bright and early on Monday morning at 8:30.



If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late. Contact Dean Crawford at 573-1409, or by e-mail, to register. Remember, you will receive two hours credit toward the required 20 hours of training per year.

For your convenience, Let's Talk sessions will be held at several times and locations.

The schedule is:

- **CHR Cafeteria:** 10:30 a.m. daily, May 15 – 19, and 2:30 p.m. daily, May 15 – 19.
- **First City:** 8:30 a.m. daily, May 15 – 19; 10:30 a.m. daily, May 15-17, and 10:30 a.m., May 19.
- **CFC Training Branch:** 8:30 a.m. daily, May 15 – 19, and 2:30 p.m. daily, May 15 – 19.

Each session will last 90 minutes, and there will be a maximum of 40 people per session. Sign up today, before your first choice is filled.

Premiere Issue of CFC Online Published May 9

By Margaret Davis Harney, CFC Communications

The very first issue of *CFC Online*, a monthly online magazine for all CFC employees statewide, officially arrived May 9! Actually, it's more than a magazine, it's a Webzine, available on the CFC Internet at <http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/cfconline/may2000/index.htm>

Each issue of the monthly publication will focus on a different program area, and child abuse and neglect is the theme of the premiere issue. The June issue will focus on foster care and adoption, and staff would like to talk with employees who are foster or adoptive parents for a feature on their experiences.

To participate, please contact [Anya Weber](#) or [Margaret Harney](#) in communications.

There will also be several regular features in each *CFC Online*, including benefits and other personnel information, client and staff success stories, readers' views, and an in-depth look at a different region each month. Big Sandy is featured in the May issue and Bluegrass Rural will be featured in June.

Suggestions for articles, including nominations for the featured region are welcome. Please e-mail them to [Margaret Davis Harney](#).

21 Adopted at Second Adoption Wednesday

By Mike Jennings, CFC Communications

Counting the three children she adopted last week during Jefferson County's second Adoption Wednesday, Rochele Wallace now has her family headcount up to 12—a figure she considers quite manageable.



Rochele Wallace adopted, from left, Julius, Adrienna and Dominica May 10.

She grew up in a family of 11, she said, "so it's nothing, you know, spectacular or anything I'm doing."

Observers might quibble with that judgment. Wallace, of Okolona, adopted two sons before she gave birth to a daughter 13 years ago. When her daughter began requesting more brothers and sisters, Wallace responded by taking in foster children and starting the adoption process afresh.

"I knew by adoption I could still love children, even though they're not my own," she said during ceremonies May 10 at the county courts complex in Louisville. Wallace, 49, has five foster children at home, and she hopes to eventually adopt them all.

The tally for last week's Adoption Wednesday in Jefferson County fell short of the more than 40 children who were adopted during the first such event last September. Last Wednesday, 21 children were adopted by 17 families.

Still, CFC and Family Court officials count the event and the concept behind it as a marked success. The object is putting adoptions on a fast track by getting everyone involved to pull together—and that has clearly happened.

During the first 10 days of May, 31 adoptions were finalized in Jefferson County. The goal for the entire fiscal year is 100.

Jefferson Family Court Judge Richard FitzGerald reminded those at last week's celebration of the pressing need for more adoptive parents like Wallace. In Jefferson County alone, he said, about 300 children are in state custody after the termination of their parents' rights.

"There are no unwanted children," FitzGerald said. "There are unfound parents. So we need to go out and do more recruitment."